

Equal Time

Should U.S. military forces remain in Lebanon?

CARDINAL MOONEY

MARK O'BRIEN
Junior
soccer

"I don't think our military forces should be there in the first place. But other countries' forces are gradually pulling out so the U.S. forces should begin gradually to withdraw. I don't think our military forces being there makes much difference. It is between the countries over there. I think it is President Reagan's idea to send troops to foreign countries as peace keeping forces."



LAURIE CREWE
Senior
backstage crew

"I definitely think our forces should be withdrawn. There is too much fighting in this world and you can't gain peace through more violence. I think we are butting in where we don't belong. We aren't helping matters. I think the U.S. government is spreading itself too thin. We have to get straightened out at home before we keep going into other countries to help them. We've been sending our troops into foreign countries too much lately. I think sending the troops into Lebanon was to have the U.S. seen as a big brother and also to help out the country."



JOE DiBELLA
Junior
pole vaulting

"I think it was all right for U.S. troops to go into Lebanon in the beginning, but when our Marines began getting killed it was time to pull out. We shouldn't be helping another country to that extent. We can't really say if U.S. troops have helped over there because we don't know what it would be like if they weren't there. I think President Reagan sends our troops to help so we have allies — he doesn't want any enemies. I don't think the situation will get too big, but if we keep getting our soldiers killed it isn't too smart staying there."



TOM PAGE
Junior
varsity soccer

"Yes we should withdraw. We shouldn't be there in the first place. We are not gaining anything and not getting anything out of it, and it is possible to begin something bigger. Another country could come in on the opposing side and a war could start. It depends on the president in office if our policy is to keep sending our military forces into countries. I think we will start to withdraw when President Reagan sees the other countries beginning to withdraw."



BETH GRAHAM
Junior
soccer, volleyball manager

"I think it is a good idea having our troops in Lebanon. They are there to keep peace, but they aren't helping to keep peace so they should be withdrawn. Our military presence hasn't done anything. It hasn't made the situation better or worse; and the longer we stay, there is the chance of the situation expanding into something bigger. Other countries seeing that our presence isn't keeping peace may think we are there for war. I think it depends on the situation whether we will continue to send U.S. troops to other countries. If it is a situation where keeping peace would be easy we would probably send the troops."



LISA CERRA
Senior
homeroom rep

"Our troops should be withdrawn. They started as peace keeping forces but the violence is spreading. Our presence is causing more tension. It is doing more harm than good. I think it will be up to the president whether troops will be sent to other countries in trouble. But I think we should concentrate on affairs at home rather than foreign affairs. I think the more we send out troops the more of a chance there is of becoming involved in a war."



Rap Around

Joan M. Smith, Editor



Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Bishop Kearney. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Jan. 24, to receive \$5.

Speaking Out

By Pasquale Iannoli
AQUINAS

Throughout the ages, men have wondered how to deal with criminals who have intentionally taken the life of another. The situation today with the tremendous rise in crime seems to call for the old but effective idea of "an eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth."

Obviously, the question with which we as a people are faced with is deciding whether it is acceptable to execute a person who has voluntarily killed another.

I intend to make a stand. I approve of capital punishment, however, this is not without sufficient and substantial reasoning.

One might be against capital punishment simply because a person's life is being taken, regardless of what he/she has done. Also, the value of life becomes cheapened if the death penalty is used too freely. Then, there always exists the case where the judge and jury "goofed" - obviously an irredeemable situation.

However, there exist

reasons why the death penalty should be supported. It has always been said that the punishment should fit the crime. The death penalty increases the value for life and, therefore, deters murder because a potential murderer realizes that his act of murder causes him to forsake his own right to life.

Another point, although indirectly connected is that perhaps you know of someone whose best friend or family member was murdered?

How do you, as a victim, feel about having to pay taxes to help support those facilities that house that criminal? The point is, people are so concerned with the criminal's rights they don't stop to think about the victim, his family, and friends.

Many people don't wish to deal with this ugly question (capital punishment), but the fact of the matter is that the pros beat out the cons about two to one. Crime has to be stopped and it's not about to stop itself.



Added Attraction

David Martin, Aquinas Band director, has added a twist to the band's musical routine - a dance team. Selected from the 20-member color guard to perform special dance routines during basketball games are (front row from left): Amie Boprey, sophomore; Sara Phillips, junior; Lizzette Merklinger, sophomore; Jackie DeSantis, freshman; Diane Faust, freshman; Dawn Whalley, junior; In second row are, Lisa Bell, freshman, Pam Schickler, junior; Karen Ransco, junior; Patty Flannery, junior; Sheila Murtaugh, sophomore; Trisha Pullinzi, junior.

Charity Reigns

According to John C. Ladd, McQuaid student government moderator, the McQuaid student body made sure people in need had a special Christmas. McQuaid students raised \$1,600.00 which was divided among three charities in the area.

Winners

Mathieu DeMoras of Penn Yan, and Thomas P. Scott, Webster were the recipients of the Winner's Circles \$5 for the week of Jan. 4.

Mercy Strikes

Our Lady of Mercy High School varsity bowling team beat Cardinal Mooney during Christmas recess, 778-769 and 808-706. Mercy's Kris Zambuto led with a 291 series and sophomore Lisa Cascino sparked Mercy with a 158 game.

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